

Section 7.1 - Functions of Several variables.

Def: A function f of the two independent variables x and y is a rule that assigns to each ordered pair (x, y) in a given set D (the domain of f) exactly one real number, denoted by $f(x, y)$.

Ex: $f(x, y) = \frac{3x^2 + 5y}{x - y}$

• Find $f(1, 0) = \frac{3 \cdot 1 + 5 \cdot 0}{1 - 0} = \frac{3}{1} = 3$

• $f(1, -2) = \frac{3 \cdot 1 + 5(-2)}{1 - (-2)} = \frac{3 - 10}{1 + 2} = \frac{-7}{3}$

• $f(1, 1)$ DNE

• Domain of f : $x - y \neq 0$
 $x \neq y$

$\{(x, y) \mid x \neq y\}$

let: $f(x, y) = xe^y + \ln x$

• Domain: $x > 0, \{ (x, y) \mid x > 0 \}$

$$\begin{aligned} \cdot f(e^2, \ln 2) &= e^2 \cdot e^{\ln 2} + \ln e^2 = e^2 \cdot 2 + 2 \\ &= 2e^2 + 2 \end{aligned}$$

$$f(x, y, z) = xy + xz + yz$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Find } f(-1, 2, 5) &= (-1) \cdot 2 + (-1) \cdot 5 + 2 \cdot 5 \\ &= -2 - 5 + 10 = \boxed{3} \end{aligned}$$

Ex: A store sells two kind of tennis rackets
The consumer demand for each brand is
affected by the pricing of competitors racket.
The demand for the first kind is

$$D_1 = 300 - 20x + 30y, \text{ where } x \text{ is its price}$$

$$D_2 = 200 + 40x - 10y, \text{ where } y \text{ is its price}$$

Find the store's total annual revenue
from the sale of these rackets.

$$\begin{aligned}
 R(x, y) &= D_1 \cdot x + D_2 \cdot y \\
 &= (300 - 20x + 30y)x + (200 + 40x - 10y)y \\
 &= 300x - 20x^2 + 30xy + 200y + 40xy - 10y^2 \\
 &= \boxed{-20x^2 - 10y^2 + 70xy + 300x + 200y}
 \end{aligned}$$

Section 7.2

Note: if $f(x)$ is given, then

$$\frac{d}{dx} f(x) = f'(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h}$$

Now: What if $f(x, y)$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = f'_x(x, y) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h, y) - f(x, y)}{h}$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = f'_y(x, y) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x, y+h) - f(x, y)}{h}$$

Def: Suppose $z = f(x, y)$. The partial derivative of f with respect to x (y) is denoted by

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \text{ or } f_x(x, y) \quad \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \text{ or } f_y(x, y),$$

and is the function obtained by differentiating f with respect to x , treating y as a constant.

Ex: $f(x, y) = x^2 + 2xy^2 + \frac{2y}{3x}$,

$$\begin{aligned} f_x(x, y) &= \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(x^2 + 2xy^2 + \frac{2y}{3x} \right) \\ &= \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(x^2 + 2y^2 \cdot x + \frac{2y}{3} x^{-1} \right) \\ &= 2x + 2y^2 \cdot 1 + \frac{2y}{3} \cdot (-1) x^{-2} \\ &= \boxed{2x + 2y^2 - \frac{2y}{3x^2}} \end{aligned}$$

$$f_y = \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left(x^2 + 2xy^2 + \frac{2y}{3x} \right)$$

$$= \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left(x^2 + 2x \cdot y^2 + \frac{2}{3x} \cdot y \right)$$

$$= 0 + 2x \cdot 2y + \frac{2}{3x} \cdot 1$$

$$= \boxed{4xy + \frac{2}{3x}}$$

Ex: $z = (x^2 + xy + y)^5$

Find:

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = \left[(x^2 + xy + y)^5 \right]_x$$

$$= 5(x^2 + xy + y)^4 \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (x^2 + xy + y)$$

$$= 5(x^2 + xy + y)^4 \cdot (2x + y + 0)$$

$$= \boxed{5(2x + y)(x^2 + xy + y)^4}$$

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left((x^2 + xy + y)^5 \right)$$

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$$= 5(x^2 + xy + y)^4 \cdot (0 + x \cdot 1 + 1)$$

$$= \boxed{5(x+1)(x^2 + xy + y)^4}$$

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Ex: $f(x,y) = x e^{-2xy}$

$$f_y = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (x e^{-2xy}) = x \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (e^{-2xy})$$

$$= x \cdot e^{-2xy} \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (-2xy)$$

$$= x e^{-2xy} \cdot (-2x \cdot 1) = \boxed{-2x^2 e^{-2xy}}$$

$$f_x = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (x e^{-2xy}) = 1 e^{-2xy} + x \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (e^{-2xy})$$

prod. rule

$$= e^{-2xy} + x e^{-2xy} \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (-2y \cdot x)$$

$$= e^{-2xy} + x e^{-2xy} \cdot (-2y \cdot 1)$$

$$= \boxed{e^{-2xy} (1 - 2xy)}$$

Ex: The weekly output of a plant is given by the function

$$Q(x,y) = 1200x + 500y + x^2y - x^3 - y^2 \text{ units,}$$

where x is the number of skilled workers, y is the # of unskilled workers. Currently, if

y is the # of unskilled workers. Currently, there are 30 skilled workers and 60 unskilled workers. Use marginal analysis to estimate the change in weekly output if 1 additional skilled worker is hired.

Find $Q_x(30, 60)$

$$\begin{aligned}Q_x(x, y) &= 1200 + 0 + y \cdot 2x - 3x^2 - 0 \\ &= 1200 + 2xy - 3x^2\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}Q_x(30, 60) &= 1200 + 2 \cdot 30 \cdot 60 - 3 \cdot 30^2 \\ &= 1200 + 3600 - 2700 \\ &= \boxed{2100}\end{aligned}$$

What if we hire one more unskilled worker?

$Q_y(30, 60)$

$$\begin{aligned}Q_y &= \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (1200x + 500y + x^2y - x^3 - y^2) \\ &= 0 + 500 + x^2 \cdot 1 - 0 - 2y \\ &= 500 + x^2 - 2y\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} Q(30, 60) &= 500 + 30^2 - 2 \cdot 60 \\ &= 500 + 900 - 120 \\ &= \boxed{1280} \end{aligned}$$